



James Albert Hefner

December 23, 1941 - May 12, 2026

James Albert Hefner, lovingly known as “Jim,” age 84, of Rogers, passed away peacefully on May 12, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family. Jim was born on December 23, 1941, in Vardaman, Mississippi.

Jim proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1959 until his honorable discharge in 1976. During his distinguished military career, he served twice in Germany and once in Korea and Vietnam. Jim was extremely proud of his military service and the values it instilled in him throughout his life.

During his service in the Vietnam War, Jim distinguished himself by outstanding meritorious service in connection with ground military operations against a hostile force in Vietnam from February 1968 to February 1969, earning the prestigious Bronze Star Medal. Throughout his military career, he also earned numerous awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal with Palm (individual and unit).

Jim served as a Brigade Career Counselor in Germany and spent the final seven years of his military career as a U.S. Army Recruiter and Career Counselor. He also served as an instructor with the Army Mobile Training

Team at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis. While serving in Vietnam, Jim was exposed to Agent Orange, something that remained part of his life long after his military service ended.

The Army shaped the way Jim lived his life and raised his children — with discipline, strength, responsibility, and integrity. He believed in hard work, accountability, and standing tall no matter the circumstances. Failure was never an option in Jim's eyes, and he was well known for saying, "Can't never did shit," a phrase his family will forever remember. He worked hard to ensure his children became upstanding citizens who understood the value of perseverance and responsibility.

After retiring from the military, Jim continued his strong work ethic in the mobile home industry. In 1978, he went to work for Chuck Heriford at Pioneer Mobile Homes, where he worked as General Manager until 1991. Jim played a major role in growing the business by traveling to new locations, finding land, setting up offices, hiring sales teams, and helping establish successful operations before moving on to the next location. His leadership, determination, and ability to build strong teams earned him great respect throughout his career. He later continued working in sales management in both mobile home and automobile dealerships before retiring in 2003.

Jim was known for being direct, honest, and to the point. You never had to wonder where you stood with him. Though tough on the outside, those closest to him knew the deep love and pride he carried for his family.

Above all else, Jim was devoted to his family. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Judy Hefner of Rogers; daughters, Kim Timmons (Wes) of Tremont, Mississippi and Carla McManus (Joe) of Raymore, Missouri; sons, Danny Johnson (Melissa) of Huntsville, Arkansas and Randy Johnson (Emily) of Huntsville, Arkansas; grandchildren, Dusty Sumner (Macy), Samantha

Sumner (Josh), Tiffany Holt, David Timmons (Rachelle), Amber Johnson (Jacob), Dustin Johnson (Chelsea), Brandon Johnson (Tara), Maleah Johnson, Brittany Florer, and Baleigh Burnett (Rusty); along with several great-grandchildren.

Jim was preceded in death by his biological parents, Marlin Hefner and Cletus Hove, and his foster parents, John and Dorothy Fay Markham.

Jim will be remembered for his patriotism, strength, honesty, dedication, leadership, and unwavering love for his family. His legacy of resilience, discipline, service, and determination will continue to live on through the many lives he touched.

Gone, but never forgotten.

A graveside service will be held with Military Honors at Fayetteville National Cemetery on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 11:30 am.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Fayetteville National Cemetery

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Fayetteville, AR
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/fayetteville.asp>

Upcoming Events

Graveside Service

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